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first and second conduits each having a first end and a second end, said first and second conduits in a first relationship with said first ends of said first and second conduits being substantially adjacent and collinear; and

first means, permitting movement of said inlet opening with respect to said outlet opening to establish a preferred outflow direction, with respect to said inflow direction.

11. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 10, wherein said backflow prevention valve means includes a first valve disposed in a first portion of said housing and a second valve disposed in a second portion of said housing.

12. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 11, wherein said first means is located between said first portion of said housing and said second portion of said housing.

13. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 10, wherein said first means comprises first and second conduits coupled to each other in a substantially leak-free manner.

14. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 13, wherein said first and second conduits are positioned end-to-end with respect to one another.

15. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 13, further comprising means for holding said first and second conduits in said end-to-end position in any of a

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plurality of rotated configurations with respect to each other.

16. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 13, further comprising means for sealing the end-to-end region of said first and second conduits against leaking.

17. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 13, wherein said means for sealing comprises a gasket.

18. A backflow prevention valve comprising:

a housing having an inlet opening and an outlet opening, said inlet opening defining an inflow direction and said outlet opening defining an outflow direction;

backflow prevention valve means disposed in a portion of said housing;

first and second conduits each having a first end and a second end, said first and second conduits in a first relationship with said first ends of said first and second conduits being substantially adjacent and collinear; and

a coupler for holding said first and second conduits in said first relationship in a substantially leak-free manner with said second conduit being in any of a plurality of rotational positions with respect to said first conduit.

19. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 18, wherein said backflow prevention valve means includes a first valve disposed in a first portion of said housing and a second valve disposed in a second portion of said housing.

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20. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 19, wherein said first means is located between said first portion of said housing and said second portion of said housing.

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21. A backflow prevention valve, as claimed in claim 18 wherein said first and *18* second conduits form a part of said housing.

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22. A method for adjusting flow directions in a backflow preventor assembly, comprising:

providing at least one backflow prevention valve;
encompassing said backflow prevention valve in a housing such that said valve automatically closes if flow through said housing drops below a predetermined value, said housing including an inlet opening defining an inlet flow direction, and an outlet opening defining an outlet flow direction;

moving at least a first portion of said housing with respect to a second portion of said housing in a non-screw-threaded relationship, to cause a change in said outlet flow direction with respect to said inlet flow direction to any of a plurality of outlet flow directions in a substantially leak-free manner.

23. A method, as claimed in claim 22, wherein said step of moving comprises:

rotating said first portion with respect to said second portion to place said first and second portions in a desired position;